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# BATTLE IS IMMINENT AT THE WHITE HOUSE

to Occur Near Antung.

CZAR'S FORCES ESTIMATED TO BE FULLY 30,000 MEN.

Only Powerful Flank Movement of Jap Troops Will Avert an Engagement -Baltic Fleet to Sail.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 4.-A cablegram from Tokyo says: According to Japanese reports the Russians have cavalry posts from Takushal, in southern Manchuria, to the Yalu river. Between Antung and Kinkleng they have constructed batter.es on the heights, but only a few guns have been

mounted in them. In the same district parapets and paiisades have been erected.

As to the Russian force at Antung, there is no definite information, but it is estimated to be 30,000. Antung is evidently the base of the Russian operations in Yalu The czar's forces are expected to dispute

the passage of the river vigorously, meanwhile keeping in constant touch with the Japanese advance and offering all possible resistance to it.

The chief base of the Russian army is Liaoyang, 170 miles from Antung. According to the latest reports Liaoyang is now comparatively quiet. It is held by 8,000 men, the main force having moved toward the Yalu. Reinforcements, however, are

All indications point to a decisive battle barring some powerful flank movement on the part of the Japanese forces. There are indications that such movement is in progress. Feng Wang Tiong, thirty m les northwest of Antung, is held by 5,000 Rus-

#### England Grants Passage.

A cablegram from St. Petersburg says: The czar has ordered every effort made to get the Baltic sea fleet ready to sail for the far east. It is stated that Great Britain has sent assurances that the fleet will be allowed to pass Suez.

dispatch received here says that Japanese ed that nothing be left undone because captured at several points in eastern captured to shield Capt. This leads to the belief that the Japanese are ambitious to extend their invasion as far as Lake Baikal.

The Novi-Krai declares that a new native newspaper has been established in Shanghai for the purpose of inciting the Chinese against Russians.

Satisfactory at Port Arthur.

TIEN TSIN, April 4.-It is stated that Viceroy Alexieff, who for the past four days has been at Port Arthur on a visit of inspection, has found everything highly satisfactory. The damage done by the bembe dments of the Japanese fleet is said to have been insignificant. Viceroy Alexleff will return to Mukden Tuesday.

The coal sales of the Haiping Mining Company for the past week show a record over 22,000 tons, which, considering the existence of war, is regarded as highly antisfactory.

It is generally believed that the Japanese will not attack New Chwang. It is thought that their opportunity has passed.

The Russian forces are ready and prepared to defend the place. The task of the Japanese, if they should be eventually suc-

#### cessful, is becoming daily more difficult. ONLY FIVE MILES FROM WIJU.

### Japs Will Not Leave Without a Hard Struggle.

Repecial Dispatch to The Evening Star, NEW YORK, April 4.-A cablegram from Parls says: According to a report received here today the Russians have decided not to leave Wiju without a hard struggle. This struggle is apparently near struggle. This struggle is apparently hear at hand, as the Japanese are now but five miles from Wiju.

# Attitude of Japanese Legislators.

The Japanese minister has received a telegram from Tokyo announcing that just before the adjournment of the diet the house of representatives passed the following resolution:

"The imperial declaration of war against Russia, enunciating just and honorable principles, shows that his majesty has been actuated solely by a desire to preserve the peace of the orient, and every subject of his majesty should exert himself to the utmost to obey the imperial will. This house, moved by the same of patriotic devotion that is felt by the whole nation, has provided the revenues desired by the government, so that there may be no deficiency in the funds for prosecuting the war and following up the great successes already attained by our navy. The war has only just begun, time is yet far distant when a complete victory can be won and the peace of the orient restored. But this house will always be ready to cordially co-operate in the measures necessary to bring about that desirable result and will be prepared to grant all funds necessary for the prosecution of the war. In pass-ing this resolution, which is unmistakably in conformity with the national will, the house desires to urge the ministers state to uphold the imperial policy and to bring about speedy restoration of bring about speedy restoration of ace by taking all timely measures and devising plans to meet every eventual-

# THREE BOYS WILL DIE.

#### Fatal Playing With Powder and Matches at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, Utah, April 4 .- As a result of playing with powder and matches three boys will die and one will be crippled for life. The fatally injured are: Walter Bushnell, Joseph Hill and Archie McBride, aged from fourteen to sixteen years of age. Seriously injured: Albert Loveridge,

The boys left home in Provo in a wagon for a day's outing in the canon. They carried a quantity of black powder and .22 caliber cartridges in their pockets. One of s placed some of the powder on the seat and touched a match to it. The flash ignited the powder in the pockets of the boys, and their clothing was completely burned from their bodies

Baltimore Coffee Firm Fails. BALTIMORE, Md., April 4.-The failure

Decisive Contest is Expected Charge of "Whitewashing" Captain Cowles.

RUSSIAN BASE ON YALU MR. MOODY CALLS

WILL PROBE MATTER THOROUGH-LY BEFORE FURTHER ACTION.

Mechanics in Naval Gun Factory Want Higher Pay-Sioux Chiefs Call on "Great Father."

Secretary Moody today took up with the President the charges in the last issue of the Army and Navy Journal that official influence from a high source interfered to obtain the "whitewashing" of Capt. Wm. S. Cowles, commanding the battle ship Mis-

Capt. Cowles is a brother-in-law of the President, and was placed in command of the battle ship Missouri after being relieved from duty as assistant chief of the bureau of navigation. He was in command of the Missourl when that vessel collided with the Illinois and came near causing a serious mishap at sea. Capt. Cowles was summoned before a court of inquiry for fouling the Illinois. The court recommended that no further action be taken and the chief of the bureau of navigation concurred. Admiral Dewey did likewise. This apparently settled the question of blame, the court of inquiry virtually exonerating Capt Cowles and concluding that as the ship was a new one, with a new crew and a new signal officer, there were opportunities for trou-ble, especially when it was shown that the steering gear of the Missouri was defective. The Army and Navy Journal charges that

while the court of inquiry was in session two telegrams were received from influential sources, and the intimation was conveyed that pressure had been brought to bear to "whitewash" Capt. Cowles. When the President heard of these things he immediately directed that a most searching examination be made of the facts. On leaving the White House today Secretary Moody said: "I have made a pretty careful inquiry as to the statements that have been published. This does not show that any one sent telegrams to the court of inquiry. This much is cartain. No such quiry. This much is certain. No such telegrams were sent from the White House or from my office. I intend to continue the investigations, and quick and posit.ve action will be taken should it be found that this Jap Spies Captured.

A cablegram from Port Arthur says: A is the case. I intend to probe this matter to the bottom. It is the desire of both the President and myself that there shall be a most rigid investigation."

It is known that the President has directvent fair investigation and to shield Capt. Cowles the President would direct that a court-martial be had. This is what some influences are driving at, anyway. There are vague rumors in the air that if a courtmartial is ordered the facts will show to the discredit of Capt. Cowles and compel severe punishment of that officer. In Navy Department circles, as well as political, it is said that there are suggestions that a court-martial would be the only satisfactory way out of the affair, but this is regarded as natural in view of the prominence of Capt. Cowles. There would, of course be great deal of gossip, whatever the facts. Secretary Moody so far thinks that there is no reason to yield to what appears to be idle gossip and order more searching proceedings. Instead of doing that he is pro-ceeding to conduct an investigation of the charges that are openly made, and he does not hesitate to let it be known that if the facts warrant there will be decisive action. If they do not he will not permit gossip to direct a course that his judgment and the truth do not authorize.

Mechanics Want Better Pay. The President gave a hearing today to M.

A. Bowen and E. C. Ford, mechanics in the naval gun factory at the Washington navy yard. They represented the large number of mechanics in that gun factory, and the object of their visit was to ask the President to give whatever assistance in his power toward the passage of the bill pending in Congress providing that mechanics in the gun factory shall receive the same pay as mechanics in the various depart ments in Washington. Messrs. Bowen and Ford pointed out to the President that the maximum pay for a skilled mechanic in the gun factory is \$3.36 per day, while in the government printing office and other places in the government service a man received day as a mechanic, and for work re quiring much less skill. All the committee asks is that skilled mechanics in the factory be put on the same footing as others under the government. The wages in Wash ington are regulated, it is stated, by an act passed in 1862, when the Washington navy yard was a small affair and designed for work on small vessels. Since then it has developed into a great gun-making plant, and the work required is of a nature that would demand much higher pay. It is also pointed out that the increased cost of living since the act was passed justify the workmen in asking for better wages and in expecting that Congress will grant their

Roosevelt Boys Go Back to School. Theodore Roosevelt, jr., and his brother, Kermit Roosevelt, left Washington today for their school at Groton, Mass. They have spent the Easter holidays at home and have enjoyed their vacation in outdoor exercises of all kinds, horseback riding

forming one of the principal pleasures. The

two boys will now remain at Groton until the close of the school term. There have been many excursions to Washington in the last week or so, and the President has shaken hands with a large number of people about noon each day, after he had filled his engagements with today with several hundred people who come to Washington on excursion By reason of the great amount of his time that is taken it is doubtful if such receptions will be continued.

# Sioux Indians Call.

Three fine-looking Sloux Indians were introduced to President Roosevelt today by Senator Kittredge of South Dakota. They were Chief Hump, Iron Lightning and Tape-tola Giles interpreter. Hump and Iron Lightning were each six feet tall, well built and with fine features and bright eyes. the United States and did excellent work. They are now on a reservation in South Dakota. All they wanted at the White House was to pay their respects to the "Great Father." They enjoyed their visit, and when they went away nodded their heads and said "How" to everybody in

range.
L. T. Brown, general superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Company; H. Davis of the Homestead Steels Works, and J. Unger, superintendent of the armor plate depart-ment of the Carnegie Steel Company, all of Pittsburg, called on President Roosevelt today. They are en route to Norfolk, Va., to attend the ceremonies incident to the launching of the battleship Virginia. They



EGG ROLLING AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

plaintiffs in the Virginia suffrage case before the United States Supreme Court, called on the President this morning. When he came out of the President's offices he said: "I am going to put my money on the presidential horse that trots against time. There will be no race in November next, Roosevelt will simply trot against the records of his predecessors who won such sig-nal victories over the opposition entry. No,

## THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

Postal Bill in the Senate-Swayne Case in the House.

The early part of the present week in the Senate will be devoted to the post office appropriation bill, and when that measure be taken up. The canal bill will be among the few measures other than appropriation bills which will receive attention before final adjournment of the session. It is expected that the measure will be debated at some length, and it is understood that amendments to it will be offered by senators on both sides of the chamber. It is expected that by the time the canal bill shall be disposed of the sundry civil bill will have been reported from committee, whereupon it will be considered.

During the week there will be discussion of various other bills, including the bill for the protection of the President; the pure food bill, to which Mr. Heyburn will speak tomorrow, and the Chinese exclusion bill, which will be discussed Wednesday by Mr. Patterson. Thursday will be devoted to eulogies on the late Senator Hanna. be the feature of the proceedings in the House Tuesday and Wednesday the conference report on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, to which the Senate has made several amendments, will take prece-dence, and the Military Academy appropriation bill will be disposed of during this time, as will conference reports on several minor House bills. Thursday the Swayne impeachment case will be called up, and present indications are that debate on this subject will consume the balance of the

The report of the McCall investigating committee is looked for the latter part of

# RUSSIANS ARE WARNED.

#### Punished. Mr. McCormick, the United States ambas-

Anti-Jewish Outbreak Will Be Severely

sador at St. Petersburg, has cabled the Secretary of State as follows:

"A rumor concerning a possible demonstration against the Jews at Odessa having reached me, I communicated with the United States consul there, asking him if it were well founded. He replied to me as follows:

"'Reports of anti-Jewish demonstrations are not unusual at this season of the year. Owing to the occurrences of last Easter the Hebrew population is exceedingly nervous, but with so energetic and humane a man as Gov. Neidhart in charge of the city, and with Baron Kaulbars as commanderin-chief of the troops in this southern country, I should regard a serious out-break of any kind as impossible. During the present week the official nelso parts I should regard a serious outhave contained notices to the public warn-ing those who disturb the peace that they will be dealt with severely."

# DISTRICT DAY POSTPONED.

House Non-Concurs in Senate Amendments to Two Local Bills.

Seventeen bills favorably reported by the committee on the District of Columbia were ready for consideration in the House today under the special order of last Monday fixing today as District day. On account of matters of interest to other members who desired to call up bills by unanimous consent or under a suspension of the rules, Chairman Babcock agreed to postpone District business until Wednesday. Two Senate bills on local subjects were laid before the House by the Speaker. One of these was an amendment of the House bill, recently passed, extending the time for the completion of the East Washington Height's railroad for twelve months. The Senate bill extends the time to eighteen months and strikes out the penalty clause. amendments and the measure was sent to conference. The House also non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill for the arrest and detention of insane persons, and a conference was ordered.

# COMMANDER BROWN'S DEATH.

Was Formerly on Duty at the Naval Observatory in This City.

A telegram has been received at the Navy Department saying that Commander

was placed on the retired list for incapac ty incident to the service in June, 1891 after twelve years of sea service and nearly fifteen years of shore duty. He was on duty at the naval observatory in this city in the 80s. He was an ordained minister of the gospel, and at one time was president of Norwich University. He leaves

a widow, a son and two daughters; also a sister, a widow of Lieutenant Commander I really can't see where the democrats have George W. Tyler, United States navy. His a chance this year or for many years to remains will be taken to Brattleboro', Vt.,

# GAS COMPANY LOSES.

Chicago's Right to Fix the Bates Sustained. The Supreme Court of the United States

today affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of the People's Gas Comis disposed of the Panama canal bill will pany against the city of Chicago. The deision is in favor of the city. The case involved the validity of the ordi-

nance of Chicago fixing a rate of 75 cents a thousand feet for gas. The case was dis-missed by the United States fircuit court for the northern district of filinois, and that decision was affirmed by oday's opinion. The effect is to sustain the validity of the ordinance.

# SENTENCES APPROVED.

Cases of Lieut. Sharpley and Oakes Before the President.

Following the recommendation of Secretary Taft and Judge Advocate General Davis, the President has approved the sentences of dismissal imposed by courts-martial in the case of First Lieut, Arthur G. The Swayne impeachment resolution will Sharpley, 12th Cavalry, convicted of serious misconduct in the Philippines, and in the case of Second Lieut, Jean S. Oakes of the Artillery Corps, convicted of being absent without leave and misconduct at Fort Monroe. No action has yet been taken in the case of Lieut. Frank Pratt, 1st Infantry, convicted of financial irregularities and sentenced to be dismissed.

Maryland and Virginia Postmasters. The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today:

Maryland-Bittinger, Laura J. Emory. Virginia-Isle of Wight, John J. Atkins; Kara, W. B. Parish; Kentuck, Wm. M.

Southard P. Warner's Appointment. Mr. Southard Parker Warner of this city, son of Mr. Brainard H. Warner, has been appointed United States consular agent at Gera, Germany. The agency at Gera is in the consular district of Leipzig, in charge of his brother. Mr. Brainard H. Warner, jr., also of this city.

Proposals for Photolithograph Work. The Secretary of the Interior has authorized the advertisement for sealed proposals for the photolithograph work of the patent office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, to be filed in the office of the chief clerk of the patent office on or before 2 o'clock in the afternoon of May 5 next. The photolithographic work of the patent office is enormouse. It includes the production of copies of drawings of the weekly issues of patents, designs and trademarks; the reproduction of exhausted copies of patents and specifications; the production of copies of drawings on a reduced scale for the library edition of patents and for the production of the official gazette, including production of the official gazette; including all indexes therefor. For this work the patent office expends almost a quarter of a million per year. Owing to the nature of the work it has to be done in a most accurate manner, and careful consideration is given all the specimen specifications, etc., furnished with the bids, with the idea of awarding the contract to the most accurate

# Personal Mention. Prof. Alfonse Gonard, who was seriously injured two weeks ago while returning from a cross-country run, is slightly improved. This announcement came from the Emergency Hospital this afternoon, to which Prof. Gonard was taken after the accident

cident. Mr. L. M. Saunders, president of the Washington Savings Bank, who has been confined to his home on Wyoming avenue for several weeks, is now paproving.

Receivers for Trust Co. Appointed. BOSTON, April 4.—Samuel W. McCall and Charles F. Choate, .jr., today were appointed receivers for the Union Trust Com-pany, which closed its doors on Thursday last. The trust company's liabilities are placed at \$1,600,000.

# Claim of German Merchants.

The German ambassodor, Baron Sternburg, has presented to Secretary Taft the application of certain German merchants, owners of the German vessel Saturnus,

s a part of their money. Secretary Taft has cabled to the Philippine commission for a report of facts.

### BURGLARY IN ALEXANDRIA. Swan Bros'. Dry Goods Store Robbed of Cash and Merchandise.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 4.-The dry goods store of Swan Bros., 424 King street, was burglarized last night by two men, who opened the safe and secured about \$340 in cash and merchandise of the value of several hundred dollars. Entrance was effected by means of the office window, one of the slats of the blind being cut out with an old razor.

When the store was opened this morning the safe door was found ajar and the boxes sums having been examined and cast aside. The men changed their apparel down to their underclothes and rehabilitated themselves with new garments. They then loaded-several suit cases with merchandise and left the way they had come.

The safe showed no evidence of force. The old clothes left are being used for a clue to the robpers by the local police. The Washington police have been notified.

# NOT A FRIENDLY SUIT.

Statement of General Counsel of the Northern Securities Company. NEW YORK, April 4 .- W. P. Clough, gen

eral counsel of the Northern Securities Company, said today of the suit to recover Northern Pacific stock exchanged by Union Pacific interests for Northern Securities stocks:

"It is altogether wrong to assume that this is a friendly suit. What our defense will be we cannot at this time disclose. We wili make our defense in the court and it will be a good one.'

### ALL THE MONEY SUBSCRIBED. Meeting of Democratic Convention Committee in St. Louis Today.

ST. LOUIS, April 4.-The subcommittee of the national committee in charge of the grangements for the national convention at the Coliseum, commencing July 6, met at the Southern Hotel today to receive a report from the local committee on arangements. All members are here ex cepting John R. McLean of Cincinnati. The other members of the subcommittee, and who are present, are James K. Jones of Arkansas, late United States senator and chairman of the national committee; Senator W. J. Stone of Missouri, D. J. Campau of Michigan, Norman E. Mack of New York, John E. Osborne of Wyoming, J. M. Head of Tennessee, J. M. Guffey of Penn sylvania, J. G. Johnson of Kansas and C. A. Walsh of Iowa, secretary of the na-

tional committee. The local committee comprises Chairman John Schroers, Mayor Rolla Wells, Edward Devoy, Charles W. Knapp and other prominent members of the Business Men's League. The committee reported that the sum of \$40,000, pledged by St. Louis toward defraying the expenses of the convention, had been subscribed. It also reported in detail the arrangements planned for seating the delegates, alternates and guests in the convention hall. The plan submitted embraces 9,500 seats,

of which 4,000 will be located in the arena of the Coliseum. The speaker's stand is on the north side of the arena and the press reservation east and west of the speaker's stand. The delegates sit directly in front of the speaker's stand, and the alternates east and west of the delegates The remainder of the seats are for guests The individual members of the national committee will have the distribution of the guest tickets, outside of those for the press and the local arrangement commit-

#### Considering Sully's Offer. NEW YORK, April 4 .- A member of the

creditors' committee said today that the meeting of creditors of the suspended firm of Daniel J. Sully & Co., which it was intended to hold today, has been postponed. It is believed on Saturday that the committee acting for the creditors would have gathered sufficient information before today to enable the creditors to pass upon Sully's offer for a settlement. It is now believed that the meeting will be held later in the week.

#### Suicide at Norfolk. special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

NORFOLK, Va., April 4 .- S. Kahn, aged fifty-one, a furniture dealer, depressed over the recent death of his aged mother in Russia, committed suicide here today by taking carbolic acid, which he had pur-chased to wash horses' feet.

# TO SHOW CONTRACTS MR. MORSELL RETIRES

few dollars.

Decision Against Anthracite Resignation of Member of Coal Roads

DISCRIMINATION ON THE PART APPOINTMENT OF S. T. KALBFUS OF THE COMPANIES ALLEGED.

Ruling of the Circuit Court of New Mr. T. Fred. Alvey Advanced and Ma York Reversed-Opinion by Justice Day.

The case of the interstate commerce comnission against Baird, commonly known as the anthracite coal case, was decided by the Supreme Court of the United States today in favor of the contentions of the States circuit court for the southern dis- sors. As a result of Mr. Morsell's resignatrict of New York being reversed. This is the case instituted before the commission by W. R. Hearst of New York, who alleged discrimination by the railroad companies which reached the anthracite coal mines in Pennsylvania. During the hearing some of the witnesses refused to produce certain contracts bearing upon the business of the railroad companies and the coal mines, which action was upheld by the circuit court of New York. The United States Supreme Court held that the contracts should have been supplied. The opinion was handed down by Justice Day. Complaint Filed in 1902.

In handing down the opinion of the court Justice Day said that the case had grown out of a complaint of Wm. Randolph Hearst filed in 1902 with the interstate commerce commission against the Philadelphia and Reading, the Lehigh Valley, the Delaware and Lackawanna. the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey and other railroad companies, and that it came to this court on an appeal from an order made in the cir-cuit court of the United States for the southern district of New York in the matter of the petition of the commission for orders requiring the testimony of witnesses and the production of certain books and papers in pursuance of the requirements of the in-

terstate commerce law.

The first point decided was that of jurisdiction, which the court decided it had under the law of 1903 regulating interstate commerce, and therefore refused to entertain the motion to dismiss, which was made by the railroad companies.

The court also held as irrelevant and in-applicable the point made in behalf of the railroad companies that Mr. Hearst, the complainant, had sustained no damage in the case, saying that under the mandatory provision of the law the commission could not do otherwise than investigate. Coal Purchase Contracts.

Coming then to the specific items of testimony which the circuit court in dismissing the petition considered irrelevant, the court first considered the coal purchase contracts. These contracts were made with coal companies owned principally by the railroad companies, and fixed the price of anthracite coal, shipments to be made as called for by the purchasers. While the con-tracts were produced for inspection, the witnesses refused to permit them to

given in evidence. In passing upon this point Justice Day said: "The railroads are all engaged in interstate commerce, and into their affairs and methods of doing business the commission sought to and is lawfully authorized by the commerce act to make investigat on. The commission has the right to know how interstate traffic is conducted, the relations between the carrier and its shippers and the rates charged and collected. We see no reason why contracts of this character, which have direct relation to a large amount of carrying trade, can be withhel from examination as evidence by the com-

# TIMELY FOR HEARST.

Democratic Politicians Do Not Think Decision Will Help Him Much. Democratic ponticians at the Capitol

were very much interested today in the possible effect upon the Hearst presidential candidacy of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the suit which Mr. Hearst brought against the anthracite coal trust. 'The general effect of the decision, holding that the books which the coal-carrying roads refused to submit to the interstate commerce commission must be produced in evidence, will be construed as favorable to Mr. Hearst's attack against the trusts. Coming just at this time, when the Hearst boom seems to be completely overshadowed by the Parker boom, demo-cratic politicians are wondering whether Mr. Hearst will be able to make any capi-tal for himself out of the decision. There is no doubt upon the point that he will attempt to make all the capital possible, and that his newspapers will loudly proclaim his victory and citc it as another reason for supporting him as the only real trust-buster. Most of the democratic politicians who talked about the matter, and ticians who talked about the matter, and those who are opposed to the Hearst boom, agreed, with rather a long face, that the decision comes in very pat and timely for Mr. Hearst, but they do not believe it will have the effect upon his political fortunes which he hopes it may have. Recent developments in the Parker boom place Judge Parker so far in the lead that conservative democrats do not think a sentimental proposition such as Mr. Hearst may work up from this decision can offset the prac-

## up from this decision can offset the prac-tical results already achieved by Judge Parker's friends.

Army Orders. Capt. Ralph E. Ingram, 10th Infantry, has been detailed to duty with the Jefferson Guard at the St. Louis exposition. The leave of absence granted Lieut. Col. Edward A. Godwin, 9th Cavalry, has been extended one month.
Capt. Alfred M. Hunter, Artillery Corps,

has been ordered to the Sandy Hook prov-ing grounds to witness the test of shrap-nel for the 3-mch field gun, model of 1902, and on the completion of that duty will re-turn to his station at Fort Fremont, S. C.

#### Movements of Naval Vessels. The Isla de Cuba sailed from Bombay

yesterday for Aden, the Iroquois has sailed from Honolulu for the Midway Islands, the Vixen has left Guantanamo for Santiago, the Petrel has left Acapulso for San Francisco, the Samoset has left Boston for League Island, and the Chesapeake and Standish have left Norfolk for Annapolis. The Villalobos has arrived at Shanghai, the Tacoma at Mare Island, the Potomac at Key West, the Hist at Newport, the Dolphin at Hampton Roads, the Pontiac at New York and the Lebanon at Lambert's

# Artillery Ordered to Honolulu.

Orders have been issued at the War Deare enthusiastic about the new ship, declaring that, when completed, it will be in announced today. The members of the firm, Robert T. Taylor and Edward W. Levering, will make a statement later of the cause of fallure. The firm was burned out in the recent fire in Baltimore, and was occupying temporary effices.

Allan D. Brown, United States navy, reclaring that the new ship, declaring that, when completed, it will be in announced find a the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. George J. Sutherland, at Waynes-spitch and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing that the progress of the Philippine insurrection and looked of \$125,000 (Mexistant troops, capturing the town afterward, recovered \$100,000, which was no suitable position vacant. This is the arrival at Singapore of the cruiser Buffalo (Mexistant troops, capturing the town afterward, recovered \$100,000, which was no suitable position vacant. The special position vacant. The special position vacant troops, capturing the town afterward, recovered \$100,000, which was no suitable position vacant. The special position vacant troops, capturing the town afterward, recovered \$100,000, which was no suitable reclaring that the Preside of \$100,000, which was no suitable position vacant. The special position vacant troops, capturing the town afterward, recovered \$100,000, which was no suitable position vacant. The special position vacant troops, capturing the town to t partment for the 23th and 92d Companies,

Board of Assessors.

It would take 35,000 circulars

to reach the homes The Star

reaches. At one cent postage

the mailing alone would cost

\$350, with twice as much more for printing, envelopes and addressing, or over \$1,000 to say what The Star will print for a

## IN SUPREME COURT PROMOTIONS FOLLOW

AS SUCCESSOR.

# J. T. Petty Appointed Second Assistant Assessor.

Several important changes in the personnel of the office of the District assessor were announced by the Commissioners today upon their accepting the resignation of Mr. Samuel T. G. Morsell as a member commission, the decision of the United of the permanent board of assistant assestion Mr. Samuel T. Kalbfus, at present first assistant assessor, will be promoted to the vacancy on the permanent board of assessors; Mr. T. Fred Alvey, second assistant assessor, will be advanced to the position now held by Mr. Kalbfus, and Mr. J. T. Petty, formerly auditor for the District of Columbia, will be appointed to the position of second assistant assessor.

The changes announced this morning by the Commissioners were made upon the recommendation of Mr. Hopewell H. Darneille, the District assessor. The resignation of Mr. Morsell will take effect June 30, 1904, and the promotions of Messrs. Kalb



Mr. Samuel T. Kalbfus,

Promoted to Be Member of Permanent Board of fus and Alvey and the appointment of Mr. Petty will take effect July 1 next. In his letter to the Commissioners recomme

the changes Mr. Darneille says: "Under date of April 2, 1904, Samuel T. G. Morsell, a member of the permanent board of assistant assessors, tendered his resigna-tion on account of health, to take effect from and after June 30, 1904, which it is

recommended be accepted.
"The severance of official relations with those who have been faithful and efficient in the past is indeed pathetic, and as Judge Morsell was not an applicant at any time for the position, but was appointed by the Board of Commissioners upon the most ur-gent request of a large number of our most influential and respected citizens and busi-ness men, I fell sure that the Commissioners will agree with me, it is especially so in the present instance.

# Recommended for Promotion.

"Having entire confidence in the ability.

integrity and efficiency of Mr. S. T. Kalbfus, at present first ass stant assessor, office of the assessor, it is earnestly recommended that he be promoted to the vacancy thus created as a member of the permanent board of assistant assessors, to take effect July 1, 1904.
"I have the honor to further recommend that Mr. T. F. Alvey, second assistant as-sessor, be promoted to the position of first assistant assessor, vice Kalbfus, promoted,

## "I have to further recommend the ap-pointment of Mr. J. T. Petty as second assistant assessor, vice Alvey, promoted, to take effect July 1, 1904."

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Expressive of Appreciation. In accepting Mr. Morsell's resignation the District Commissioners forwarded to him the following letter expressive of their appreciation of his valuable services to the District and of the esteem in which he is held by officials and employes of the District government:

"The Commissioners of the District of Co-

lumbia have the honor to acknowledge the

receipt of your written request to be relieved from your official duties, which were first placed upon you without your knowledge or seeking by the Commissioners upon the urgent request of many of our most distinguished and esteemed citizens and business "In accepting your resignation the Commissioners cannot let the opportunity pass without expressing to you their deep appreciation of your faithful and efficient services

for nearly ten years as a member of the board of assistant assessors. As a member of the excise board your official service to the District has been most satisfactory, and we assure you that you carry with you into your retirement from public duty, so well performed, the best wishes of all connected with the District government."

The amouncement of the changes in the office of the assessor was the subject of considerable discussion among the employes at the District building. Regret was expressed at the retirement of Mr. Morsell, and commendatory words were heard on all commendatory words were heard on all sides relative to the promotions of Mr. Kalb-fus and Mr. Alvey and the appointment of fus and Mr. Alvey and the appointment are regarded as especially deserved.

Mr. Petty's Appointment Anticipated. In connection with the appointment of Mr. Petty it is stated that the Senate committee on appropriations has provided in the District appropriation bill for an increase ip the salary of the second assistant assessor of from \$1,600 to \$2,000 a year, and

it is expected that the House will concur in the increase in conference. It is under-stood this increase in the salary of the sec-ond assistant assessor was made in anticipation of Mr. Petty's appointment to that The appointment of Mr. Petty is in line with the efforts made by the Commissioners at the time the change was made in the auditor's office last summer, following the alleged defalcation of J. M. A. Wat-son. At that time, it will be recalled, the Commissioners endeavored to find